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BOER METHODS OF WARFARE

Julian Ralph Says the Queen's Dutch Subjects and Republics Have Been Planning for Years.

TELLS OF BOERS COWARDLY CONDUCT

Burgers Arm Blacks to Fight Against the British—Kruger Says Mines Will Not Be Destroyed—Speculation as to Advance From Bloemfontein.

(Associated Press.)
London, March 29.—Speculation as to Lord Roberts' advance from Bloemfontein is the topic of the day, and is likely to continue so if the British commander-in-chief in South Africa shall conceal his movements as carefully as he has done in the past. April 2nd is set by various critics as the probable date of the departure of the main army from Bloemfontein.

Waiting for Gatacre.
The movements of the cavalry force and part of the infantry toward Glen can scarcely be construed as an actual advance, though they undoubtedly point to the imminence of such a step. But only a small part of Gen. Gatacre's forces has yet arrived at Bloemfontein, and until that movement shall have been completed, it is not likely Lord Roberts will start for Pretoria.

The last news from Bloemfontein contained in a dispatch published in the second edition of the Times, dated Wednesday, March 28th, dwells upon the necessity for not making a premature advance. This correspondent, who on several occasions has seemed to have been chosen as the mouthpiece of Lord Roberts, cables:

"It should be clearly understood that the present halt in the vicinity of Bloemfontein is absolutely necessary as a military precaution. It should be borne in mind that we are about to enter on a new phase of the operations with the main communication through a recently occupied hostile country, and that the recent successes necessitated a great expenditure of horsepower."

"Here and in Natal we shall move on the commencement of the South African winter, and must be prepared to face the effects of the first frost upon such animals as may be affected with horse sickness. It would be suicidal to push troops forward till they are equipped to meet the exposure of winter. Horses, clothing and food we must have."

Foreigners to Aid Boers.
The correspondent adds that the Boer forces have been re-equipped, and he

says he is fully convinced that 15,000 foreign troops have landed to aid the Republics.

The Prisoners.
A deputation of the Dutch church ministers to-day had an audience of Premier Schreiner at Capetown. The ministers urged the separation of the sick and well Boer prisoners, and asked that the sick be not sent to St. Helena. Mr. Schreiner replied that he had no power in such matters, but would use his friendly offices. He added that he had made strong representations to the Imperial government against sending any of the prisoners to St. Helena, but without success.

It is reported that the prison transports will sail for St. Helena at the end of this week.

Prince Inspects Sharpshooters.
At Chelsea barracks this morning the Prince of Wales inspected a battalion of sharpshooters organized by Lord Dunsford for the Imperial Yeomanry. He complimented them on their appearance and said: "I sincerely hope that you may shoot straight when the necessity arises."

BOERS SURRENDER ARMS.

London, March 29.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 28th:

"Gen. Clements occupied Fauresmith today without opposition. One nine-pounder and one Martini-Maxim were discovered in a prospecting shaft of a mine, where a large quantity of ammunition was buried."

"Arms are being surrendered gradually, and the inhabitants are settling down."

"Col. Pilcher visited Ladybrand on March 26th. On leaving the town he was attacked by a party of the enemy, and one of his force was wounded and five are missing."

"During the skirmish north of the Modder River, on March 25th, five men were wounded. Three are reported to be missing. Captain Slesne Stanley, of the Sixteenth Lancers, and five men of that regiment were taken prisoners."

Bloemfontein, March 28.—The military authorities have discovered in a Free State government chest realizable securities worth £500,000.

RALPH'S DENUNCIATION.

London, March 29.—The most serious indictment of Boer methods of warfare which has yet appeared in England, comes from Mr. Julian Ralph, the American war correspondent, in a letter from Kimberley, published in this morning's Daily Mail. It is in part as follows:

"It is a war steadily and stealthily planned by the Queen's Dutch subjects and the Dutch Republics for fully twenty years. For between four and six years they have been equipped for it. They began purchasing arms and planning defences before the Jameson raid. Let no one fool you with the falsehood about that."

Finally President Steyn consented next to find your mind of the notion that you are crushing two former Republics. There is—

Not a Farmer.
In the two countries, and only one, the Free State, was a Republic in any way except misnaming. These people are herders of cattle, sheep and goats, like the Israelites of old and the Afrikaners, Turks and Balkans, peoples to-day. His (the Boers) so-called farms are as

nature made them, merely ranches of veldt, whereon his cattle graze. On each one he has put up a home, but its surroundings are almost invariably camps, strongholds, from which we have more repellant and disorderly than any houses I ever saw, except the cabins of freed slaves in the United States. Their and strongholds, from which we have ousted them, are the filthiest places I have known men of any sort to live in, and I have seen Red Indian, Chinese and Turkish camps and the camps of many sorts of black men.

As to their bravery and honor, I have seen and heard sufficient to fill a page of the Daily Mail with accounts of their

Cowardly and Dastardly Behavior

before I came to Kimberley. But here I find they are guilty of different—and original enormities. Here they killed our wounded and laid their bodies in a row, after one of the forays of the town. Here they armed many blacks to fight against us, showing all the world how scandalously fraudulent were their exclamations of horror at the idea of our employing native Indian troops.

There has hardly been a battle in which the Boers have not abused either the white flag or the Geneva cross, or both. At Spion Kop, our people saw them loading Maxim's in ambulances in order to get them safely away. This we saw them do at the Modder River also, and Kimberley is where the Boers sheltered the funeral cortege of George, the American. At many places they

Fired On Our Ambulances.

I saw them do it at the Modder River, and saw them fire on our stretchers-bearers in that battle time and time again.

When we entered Jacobsdal it looked like a city of doctors. Every man in the streets wore the Red Cross bandage on his arm. These were the men who had just been shooting us from behind garden walls. There was nothing novel or original about their seeking the cowardly shelter of the doctor's badge. We have become quite accustomed to it. We once entered a Boer laager after a victory and found 25 of these bogus doctors, and seven or eight wounded for their patients.

They have not been content with

Legioning the Houses

of the loyalists in the British colonies, but in Natal, in scores of instances, they have smashed into kindling and torn into ribbons whatever they did not want or could not carry off. Worst yet, they have fouled the walls of the homes of defenceless women with obscene writings.

They never knew the value of an oath or promise, and have not learned it since the war began.

KRUGER INTERVIEWED.

New York, March 29.—An interview with President Kruger, printed in the World to-day, has attracted a great deal of attention because of the variety of topics discussed by the president of the South African Republic. It was granted on Feb. 7th at Pretoria, and Secretary Reitz was present. The correspondent says:

"Mr. Kruger explained at length the efforts which the British authorities made to send up Delagoa Bay, and then told of the message he sent to Lord Salisbury concerning it. He said he refused to have any more correspondence with Mr. Chamberlain, but frequently called to Lord Salisbury. In one cablegram he asked Lord Salisbury to allow food stuffs to enter through

Delagoa Bay

if they would be compelled to feed the 3,000 British prisoners in Pretoria on maize porridge. Lord Salisbury did not reply, but a message signed 'Chamberlain' explained that the embargo on food-stuffs had been raised three days before. Mr. Kruger laughed heartily when he told that the Chamberlain message was telegraphic back to Lord Salisbury with the query: 'Is this true?' The president added: 'We have not heard from Mr. Chamberlain since.'

Concerning the war, President Kruger said: 'We crossed the frontier into Natal and Cape Colony not because we wanted to annex the land, but because the farmers who owned the land asked to be taken under our protection. If England will end the war and promise to

Give Us Our Independence,

we will return the land thus taken, but we want to be free."

Then turning to the question of intervention, the president said: 'We anticipate no assistance from any nation, nor do we ask for it; now that the war is four months old. If some European nation or American interferes now, that nation will ask for a share in the spoils of war, and there are already enough governments represented in South Africa. I have not asked President McKinley

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of Conservative rule. Indeed, it is not improbable if the present rate of progress be maintained, that at the end of June it will be found that the development of trade during the past four years will be found to more than double that of the long era of the National Policy time of progression which preceded it. The aggregate trade of Canada for the

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regular 5,000,000 persons and that were in receipt of regular relief and that the cost for the resulting year was estimated at 225 lacs of rupees. This lacs as revenue for the year had been 224 lacs of rupees. The government, he said, hoped during the forthcoming year to spend 100 lacs of rupees in benefiting, but he could see no chance of cutting down the military estimates. There are two duties of Indian citizenship," said the Viceroy. "One is to make these millions happy and the other is to keep them safe. For the sake of the one we must not neglect the other."

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CHAS. HAYWARD,
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Victoria, B. C., March 8th, 1900.

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The Tenders Again

A Letter From the Albion Iron Works Complaining of Unfair Treatment

Causes Much Discussion at the Meeting of the City Council.

A special meeting of the city council was held last night for the purpose of expediting the business of the city—least that was the avowed intention of the council when the meeting began.

Amongst the business done was the passage of the Expenditure by-law, as amended. The money for the paving of Yates and Broad streets and for concrete sidewalks on these streets was not voted and therefore, unless the council is empowered to raise money for that purpose by amendment to the Municipal Act at the coming session of the legislature, the two streets will remain unpaved. An extra \$200 was added to the appropriation for the park, and it was decided to remove the bandstand from its close proximity to the salmon cannery of the aldermen did not favor, to a point near the two lakes. Band concerts will be given there this season.

The greater part of the evening was given over to the discussion of a lengthy letter from the Albion Iron Works, through the manager of that company, Mr. R. R. Seabrook, complaining of the unfair treatment of that company by the council in the matter of their tenders for the construction of boilers and pumps for the new city pumping station, and also complaining of the council in calling for new tenders. The letter went into the matter in detail and incidentally told of other matters in which the council were alleged by the company to have treated them unfairly. One of the instances given being that in connection with some iron doors made by the Iron Works for which they were paid at a lower rate than that afterwards paid to others who built others of the same kind by contract, using the company's pattern.

The letter is not given in full, for notwithstanding that it was publicly read in open council the aldermen, by resolution, decided to withhold it from the public. The custom usually adopted, when lengthy letters and other documents have been publicly read, is to hand them over to the reporters after being read, but the show of hands showed the majority of the aldermen to be in favor of withholding this letter for the present at least, they said.

The letter was, therefore, censored, but the discussion was not. The fact of the letter being withheld, would, however, make a detailed report of the discussion uninteresting. It was, however, ever, to prove that regarding the tenders for the construction of the boilers and pumps for the new pumping station had not yet gone to the length of calling for any tenders that would likely be accepted. True, tenders had already been called for, they were opened at a recent council meeting, but the specifications on which the contractors had figured were faulty, and the price was too high to come within the estimate.

Water Commissioner Raymer, who, with the city purchasing agent, was on a special committee, to whom the tenders received had been referred, in answer to the questions of some of the aldermen, said they had asked all the tenders, when they found that the prices did not come within the appropriation, what they would put their figures at, deducting one pump. They found that still the prices did not come within the appropriation proposed to be expended.

Ald. Yates thought the letter was a mixed-up one. The Albion Iron Works said in it that they would not tender again and asked for the return of the checks they had deposited, but would not by again putting forward their tender.

Ald. Stewart thought the Albion Iron Works had been treated fairly. The council had allowed their tender to come in when the time for the reception of tenders had lapsed by two hours. Would any government or any architect do this?

Mr. Raymer interjected that the city council had done this repeatedly.

Continuing, Ald. Stewart said the Albion Iron Works stated what was untrue when saying that they did not expect fair treatment from the council. As to their complaint about plans, the council did not ask them to make plans.

Mr. Raymer. How do you know they didn't?

Ald. Stewart. The council didn't. Perhaps you did. The aldermen begged to differ very materially with the contents of the letter. In order to make the discussion in order, he moved that the letter be laid on the table for discussion.

Ald. Yates thought it was unwise to take it in until they heard from the special committee associated in this connection. There should not deal with any tender until they dealt with all.

Ald. Beckwith said it seemed to him that the understanding at the meeting with Messrs. Northcott and Raymer, to the Albion Iron Works was that the tender, marked "C," was submitted separately. The specifications on which the tenders had been called were not such as would be required, some irregularities being found in them. The finding of the irregularities resulted in a general conversation being held with the managers of the Albion Iron Works, with the result that they suggested that they would submit specifications and tender on what they considered the council required. The city officials then suggested to them to make their offer outside the tender.

Ald. Yates wanted to know if the same suggestion had been given to the other tenders.

Ald. Beckwith said the council should not have opened the tenders.

Ald. Yates asked why he had not taken that stand before.

Ald. Beckwith said he had. It was

unfair for the council to take the figures of the Albion Iron Works and ask them to tender again on figures already made known.

Ald. Kinsman didn't think the Albion Iron Works had any cause for complaint. Their tender had come in late and had been received. The figures given with their specifications, though, should not be submitted to other tenders.

The interruptions were not relaxed by Ald. Kinsman, who still held the floor and asked that he be given "a fair shake" when he was on his feet. Continuing he said he did not think the iron company had been treated badly.

Ald. Brydon said the tenders may have been guessed at, but they had not been made public, and he did not see where the complaint came in. The council had to deal with others besides the Albion Iron Works. He thought that there were a number of things in the letter that were neither complimentary to the council nor to the writer. Some of the statements made were groundless. Speaking about the iron doors, of the action of the council last year in connection with which the Albion Iron Works had complained, he said the council had asked the Albion Iron Works what they could be furnished for. They said \$50, but when the bill came in, they claimed for \$250. There was nothing special about those doors.

Ald. Beckwith explained that the bill claiming \$250, he thought, was an error, and an explanation had been sent to the council by the Albion Iron Works.

Ald. Yates then moved that the letter be laid on the table until the report be received from the special committee. He did not believe in doing things piecemeal.

Ald. Cameron thought there was something in the statement of the Albion Iron Works that they were not being treated right by the council. It was hardly fair to use their tender and plans for the other tenders to bid on. The council had no right to use the figures for which the Albion Iron Works will give the city the machinery with one less boiler and pump. All that the council could ask from the other tenders was the same thing. He thought the tenders were public. If the Albion Iron Works knew the figures of the other tenders, they would not bid.

After Commissioner Raymer then told of the interview between him and Mr. Northcott and the Albion Iron Works people, as a result of which the specifications of whose use by the council the Albion Iron Works Company complained, and the new tender were sent in.

He said the specifications drawn up for the council had been submitted to Mr. Shaw, an expert for the council. They were drawn up after the fashion of the boilers at the electric light station. At the instance of Mr. Shaw several alterations were made. The specifications were then submitted to Mr. Northcott, Mr. Seabrook of the Albion Iron Works, called the attention of the council's representatives to the fact that the strength of metal called for by the specifications would not pass the government test.

Mr. Northcott talked the matter over, and said that if the Albion Iron Works had any objections to make to the specifications, then was not the time. The specifications had gone out. He said the Albion Iron Works could tender as the plans stood or they could send in an extra tender with the changes called for.

Mr. Northcott then asked Mr. Seabrook, of the Albion Iron Works, to do and Messrs. Nicholas & Bonnet acted in the same manner. The Albion Iron Works were never asked to prepare plans or specifications. They offered to do so, and said if they secured the tender no charge was to be made for their plans, but otherwise they were to receive \$25 for their work. No authority was, however, given them. When the tenders were opened they were all found to be above the sum of money appropriated by the council for this purpose, and the tenders were asked to take out one pump and thus reduce their tenders. The cost still coming above the estimate one boiler and pumps were withdrawn. New specifications were drawn up and completed on the lines of the tender of the Albion Iron Works yesterday afternoon. They had not then been sent out, but would be in the morning.

Was the tender of the Albion Iron Works the lower one? asked Ald. Cameron.

Mr. Raymer said it was not. Messrs. Gray & Hutchinson, the experts, decided in favor of the acceptance of the tender of the Albion Iron Works, that which was drawn up on their own specifications. New specifications were, however, drawn up.

Ald. Yates asked if the new specifications were only to be sent to the tenders, and Mr. Raymer replied "to anyone."

The hint was dropped by Ald. Yates that he looked on it as the whole matter would end in litigation.

Mayor Hayward thought the only way out of the difficulty was to adopt the report of the committee as submitted on that night.

Ald. Brydon said the recommendation that all tenders be allowed to compete again was not satisfactory.

The mayor said the essence of the committee's report recommended that the contract be awarded. That was set aside.

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Ald. Hall put in a few words for the park. More money was needed there, roads wanted repairing, bridges overhauling, lakes cleaning, more seats put in, etc.

Ald. Yates said that as the city proposed to have band concerts at the Hill park this summer, it was in the interest of the public that the bandstand be removed. It was now in front of a saloon, and a petition, he believed, had been received from 800 people asking for its removal. The committee had considered this, and had found a suitable spot near one of the lakes. This work and other necessary work could be done for \$500. The appropriation for parks was therefore raised from \$1,250 to \$1,750.

Returning to the consideration of the appropriation for street work, Ald. Brydon said last year an extra mill of taxation had been levied, but it had not been all used for street purposes. If the council convinced the people that an extra mill, if levied, would be used for street purposes only, he had no doubt but what they would pay the tax with a will. This question about the proposed paving of Yates and Broad streets should be settled, for the street railway people had ordered their rails and with them the danger for paved streets. They intended to put a double track on Yates street.

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Russia in the Far East

The Japanese Are Actively Engaged Making Preparations for War.

The Czar Alleged to Be Trying to Gain Influence in Korea.

(Associated Press.)
Seattle, March 29.—The government transport Garonne, from Manila, February 17th, has arrived from the quarantine with news of the active preparations in military and naval departments of Japan for war with Russia. The Russian fleet at Nagasaki has been ordered to the harbor and anchored where it pleased.

The war spirit is said by Capt. Conrad to be strong in Japan on account of the Czar's secret attempt to gain influence in Korea in violation of the treaty. A grand assembly of the Japanese navy, to be followed by maneuvers from which foreign newspaper correspondents and the public were to be excluded was fixed for the last of this month.

Russia's Demand.
London, March 29.—The Evening News publishes a dispatch from Kobe, Japan, under today's date, announcing that Russia has demanded leave to land near Masan, Korea, the dispatch says, outside interference.

AMERICAN PORT.
The Porto Has Prohibited Importation Into Turkey.

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, March 29.—The Porte has informed the United States legation that in future the importation of American pork will be prohibited, giving as a reason for the prohibition that the meat is injurious to the public health. Mr. Lloyd C. Grignon, United States charge d'affaires, has protested energetically, demanding the annulment of the measure.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 29.—Sir Richard Cartwright in resuming the debate on the budget, in reply to Hon. G. E. Foster, was received with immense cheering. Sir Richard said that he had read 25 pages of Hansard which had been filled by Foster, and could not get five new ideas in them. These pages were filled with scraps from scraps books and snarling and badinage, which people did not want to hear. What they did want to know was what Hon. W. C. Fielding told them, namely, seven million and half surplus, that Finance would pay three dollars to every two the British would, and that trade had been increasing to an enormous and unprecedented degree. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had done more in three years for Canada than the "Vancouver" could have done in this town. Sir Richard made an analysis of Foster's figures, showing them to be unworthy, although severely put. Service for service, the affairs of Canada were more economically administered today than in the past.

ITALY AND THE STATES.

(Associated Press.)
Rome, March 29.—The commercial treaty committee of the Italian chamber of deputies has discussed and approved in principle the reciprocity arrangement under the third section of the Dingley act recently signed in Washington by Baron Fava, Italian ambassador to the United States, and Mr. Kasson, special plenipotentiary for the United States. The committee has expressed a desire to hear after tomorrow the views of the ministers of foreign affairs, finance and agriculture.

VANCOUVER DRILL HALL.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 29.—Replying to Col. Prior, Sir Louis Davies, on behalf of the public works department, said that \$2,392 had been expended on Vancouver drill hall. Work would be proceeded with actively in the spring. The contractor had to November, 1900, to complete the work.

In the House today Hewitt Bostock introduced a bill regarding the Yale Mining District Railway Co.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)
Montreal, March 29.—Stock exchange mining board: War Eagle, 140 asked, 145 bid; Payne, 130, 120; Montreal and London, 30, 28; Republic, 107, 106; Sales—Payne, 800 at 125; Republic, 300 at 106.

LORD CURZON'S TOUR.

(Associated Press.)
Calcutta, March 29.—Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, and Lady Curzon, left here yesterday for a tour, which will begin with a week's shooting in North Baffin.

PLAQUE AT CALCUTTA.

(Associated Press.)
Calcutta, March 29.—The deaths from the plague here on Tuesday numbered 217, and the new cases reported 157. The total number of cases is 801.

A THOUSAND TONGUES.

Could not express the capture of Annie E. Springer, of Philadelphia, Pa., when Dr. King's New Discovery cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. She says: "After all other remedies and doctors failed, I soon removed the pain in my chest, and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like a new woman. Dr. King's New Discovery has cured me of all troubles of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at F. W. Fairbank & Co's drug store."

BOER METHODS OF WARFARE.

(Continued from page 1.)

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Mr. Reits interrupted and said: "I do not remember that I gave a message to the former American consul here. I am positive that I—"

Sent No Official Message.
to the American president or to the secretary of state.

On the subject of destroying the gold mines at Johannesburg, Mr. Kruger declared that the Boers would not harm a shilling's worth of property. He declared that there was one, and only one, unfilled prophecy in the Bible, and upon which he based his hopes of success in this war. He read the passage, which was Ezekiel xxxix, 1-7, referring to the English as the "people of God" in the quoted Scripture, and the Boers as the "villagers of Israel" named.

The verses referred to read as follows: "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal."

And I will turn thee back, and leave the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the mountains of Israel, and thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee into the ravens' beaks of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured."

Thou shalt fall upon the open field, for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God. And I will send a fire in Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the land, and they shall know that I am the Lord."

So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people, Israel, and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more, and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel.

THE LATE GEN. JOUBERT.

Paris, March 29.—The Paris press is unanimous in eulogizing General Joubert, whose death is considered a serious loss to the French. All the papers thinking that a change in the chief command is bound to have grave consequences for the Boer operation. Many think, however, that President Kruger is fully justified in the task, and that considering his military reputation, the resistance of the Boers is likely to become more stubborn than ever.

Liberals and the War.

London, March 29.—Speaking today at a breakfast of the Liberal agents at Nottingham, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, one of the late statesmen, declared that nearly all the Liberals had agreed, in regard to the settlement of the South African question, that it was the duty of the government to make a recurrence of the war impossible, and to show the world that British power in South Africa was predominant, and that the British flag must wave over the whole of South Africa.

Duke of Norfolk Resigns.

London, March 29.—The Duke of Norfolk has resigned the office of postmaster general. He is going to South Africa with the Sussex Yeomanry.

Delagoa Bay Award.

Berne, Switzerland, March 29.—According to the Delagoa Bay railroad award, Portugal is condemned to pay 15,314,000 francs.

Dr. Leyds's Protest.

Brussels, March 29.—Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, has drawn the attention of the Egyptian and Turkish governments to the fact that the British government, in the House of Commons, has admitted that six Maxim guns were borrowed from the Egyptian army for use in the Transvaal war, and has demanded explanations of this breach of neutrality, declaring that unless the guns are immediately returned the Transvaal will consider the Egyptians have abandoned neutrality, and is willing to give its assistance to Great Britain.

No reply has been vouchsafed to this protest, which was dispatched on March 13th.

COATED

Look at your tongue. Is it coated? Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are constipated. There's a reliable cure:



Don't take a cathartic dose and then stop. Better take a laxative dose each night, just enough to cause one good free movement of the day following. You feel better the very next day. Your appetite returns, your dyspepsia is cured, your headaches pass away, your tongue clears up, your liver works well, the digestion is improved. Dr. King's New Discovery for 25 years, and I consider them the best made. One pill does me more good than half a box of any other kind I have ever tried.

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Liberal Delegates

For Provincial Convention Elected at a Meeting of Vancouver Association.

Colonel Falk. Warren Protests Against Action of Local Body.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, March 29.—There were two hours of hot discussion at the meeting of the Liberal Association, before the business for which the meeting had been called—the election of 40 delegates to the provincial Liberal convention—had been reached. The decision to call the meeting last night, as well as for the holding of the provincial convention, was taken at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Vancouver Liberal Association. The attendance was fairly representative.

Charles Woodward was elected chairman last night. A prolonged discussion first arose over the question of the selection of the delegates, the course having not been indicated by the executive in their motion. Eventually it was moved by J. H. Kerr, seconded by J. Clark, that delegates be elected from each ward, taking one ward at a time, and the whole meeting voting on the names. The motion did not, however, prove entirely satisfactory, and for 15 minutes after it had been passed the chairman was unable to get the meeting to proceed to business.

At this point Col. Falk. Warren handed in the following protest to the entire proceedings: "I beg to submit a formal objection to the calling of a Liberal convention at the instance of a call of the Vancouver Liberal Association, and it is for the executive of that convention, and not to call a Liberal convention for the whole province. The action of such a provincial convention would be binding to all true Liberals in the province, but what this so-called convention, which has been improperly called, may decide, will not and cannot be binding upon the Liberals of the province." (Signed) F. Warren, colonel late R. A.

The scrutineers left the room to count the votes on the motion, and this fact was loudly protested against by Messrs. P. Davis, S. J. Thompson and others. Mr. Thompson entered the same protest as Col. Warren.

In the very heated discussion that then arose, someone told Mr. Davis to "keep his mouth shut," while S. H. Brown suggested that Col. Warren was trying to "stuff the ballot."

When the name Mr. W. C. Nichol came up early in the meeting, the Province was referred to as "his with us." Mr. Nichol's name came in for rough handling again when the nominations for Ward 5 were called, the gentleman being called "an idiot." He was nominated by several persons present, when S. H. Brown opposed it on the ground that he had been nominated for Ward 1. The chairman ordered the name to be struck off, but half the meeting arose and opposed his ruling. For the next quarter of an hour another fiery debate took place, which resulted in Mr. Nichol's name being withdrawn for Ward 1 and allowed to stand for Ward 5.

In reply to a question, the chairman said that proxies would be accepted for absent voting delegates, at the time of holding of the convention. Ballots were taken, and the 40 delegates appointed, and the meeting broke up shortly after midnight.

ANOTHER ACTION ENTERED.

Attorney-General Institutes Proceedings to Recover Grant From the New Vancouver Coal Co.

Action was instituted today by the Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. Martin, on behalf of the province of British Columbia, cancelling the letters patent issued by the British government last November to the New Vancouver Coal Company, and asking for an injunction restraining the company from working under that patent of the sea till the trial and determination of the case now pending.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

France Will Not Object to the Transfer to the United States.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, March 29.—The foreign office authorities make the following statement regarding France's attitude towards America's acquisition of the Danish West Indies: "France will place no obstacle whatever in the way of the success of the Danish-American negotiations. On the contrary, in view of her cordial relations with both the United States and Denmark, she is willing to waive her rights over Santa Cruz, as France values her friendship with these two countries far more highly than any claim she may have in the Danish Antilles."

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

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One of the workmen unloading the steamer Walla Walla this morning was roughly handled by the striking longshoremen.

L. Lachance, contractor for the drill shed, arrived yesterday. He will begin operations next week, and will push work to completion.

Sporting News

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THEY GO UNPLEDGED.

Victoria's Liberal Delegates Given a Free Hand by the Association.

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The matter of endorsing Premier Martin, or of favoring party lines, was not discussed, the delegates elected to the provincial convention being left unpledged as to the course to be adopted by them when these matters come before the convention.

Sixty delegates were appointed, and these will hold a meeting the evening following, going over to the Mainland to select the forty delegates who will represent Victoria Liberals at the gathering.

The delegates elected were as follows: Messrs. Thos. Trahey, John Bell, Dr. Milner, W. M. Wilson, John Jardine, Dr. Catterall, John Taylor, A. Hay, W. H. Hanna, Alexis Martin, L. P. Duff, A. Sherriff, J. McMillan, J. Tack, F. Higgins, J. Kingham, W. T. Hardaker, Jas. Grant, Thos. Brydon, W. P. Winsby, R. Dinsdale, G. Hunter, J. Smythe, Dr. Hall, G. Stevens, Col. Gregory, L. H. Hardie, W. J. Leitch, Henry Scott, J. R. Kinsman, J. Martin, Geo. Brewster, J. H. Lawson, J. D. Purcell, R. G. Howell, L. Sommers, J. Bellinger, Wm. Clark, Jas. Bell, E. Bragg, H. M. Cleland, A. Bruce, J. L. Lovell, L. G. Smith, D. Campbell, Hon. A. J. Peters, George Noot, D. Sprague, A. Johnson, R. Hall, R. L. Drury, J. G. Brown, Dr. John Gibbs, Fred. Ray, Thos. Tubman, Dr. E. Hall, Geo. Herd, D. F. McCrimmon.

Mr. Mills declared himself at last night's meeting, as being in favor of Premier Martin, although he opposed the introduction of party lines.

THE GOVERNMENT'S VIGILANCE.

Departmental Officer From Ottawa Will Assist Dr. Watt in Fighting Plague.

The importance which is attached by the Dominion government to the question of preventing bubonic plague obtaining a foothold on the Canadian Pacific Coast is evident from the information gleaned by the Times to the effect that Dr. Hume, chief of the department of agriculture and fisheries, is already on his way here to assist Dr. Watt in his onerous duties. The prevalence of plague in China and later in the Hawaiian Islands and in Australia, has made the duties of the quarantine officer very heavy, as all the ships from the Orient and the Pacific are now subjected to a most rigid inspection. The addition to the list of the regular "Efrico" liners has made the duties altogether too heavy for one official.

Dr. Higgins is provided with a full equipment for the investigation of bubonic plague, and with his assistance the right quarantine which Dr. Watt has hitherto maintained will certainly not be relaxed.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—P. H. Kinney, Mrs. Bowker, Miss Benson, J. H.